having no local spread WHO has not advocated enhanced surveillance system.

A national level surveillance system for communicable diseases is existing. With the experience gained, the existing infrastructure and identified manpower would be reactivated if any SARS case re-emerges globally.

Trauma Centres along National Highways

1307. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up trauma centres along the National Highways to provide immediate assistance to the accident victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when all the National Highways will be covered?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) To provide immediate assistance to the accident victims, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing a scheme for providing financial assistance to the States/Union Territories to augment and upgrade the Accident and Emergency Services in selected State Government hospitals which fall in most accident-prone area of National Highways. During the Tenth Plan, a provision of Rs. 110.00 crores has been made for this purpose.

Grant for ISM & H Dispensaries

1308. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dispensaries of the Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in Karnataka which have been sanctioned Rs. 25,000/- as lump sum assistance for purchase of essential drugs during 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) whether there is any proposal from Karnataka to sanction the assistance to more number of dispensaries during 2003-04;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would sanction the above assistance to all the dispensaries located in the State to encourage ISM & H?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) During the year 2002-03 an amount of Rs. 15.00 Lakhs @ Rs. 25,000/- per dispensary had been sanctioned for supply of essential ISM & H drugs to 60 dispensaries of Karnataka State. A proposal dated 6.12.2003 received from the Government of Karnataka for the year 2003-04 calls for financial assistance to 574 dispensaries of ISM&H. The proposal will be dealt with keeping in view the budget provisions and schematic stipulations.

Deemed University status to Medical and Health Institutes

1309. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the autonomous institutes of health and medical field declared as Deemed Universities;

(b) whether there is any such institute declared as a Deemed University in Karnataka; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a proposal for converting Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology and Kidwai Institute of Oncology as Deemed Universities, is pending with Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) As per the University Grants Commission following four institutions of Health and Medical field have been declared as Deemed Universities:

(i) National Brain Research Centre, Gurgaon.

(ii) National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore.

(iii) Paravara Institute of Medical Sciences, Loni District Ahmednagar;

(iv) Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute, Chennai;